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REMARKS

Claims 42-55 remain in this application. Claims
1-42 have been previously cancelled. Claims 42, 44, 50 and 52
have been amended.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed study
of the application and prior art.

Applicant submits a Request for Continued
Examination (RCE) to have this After Final Amendment entered
and considered by the Examiner.

Applicant also has amended the claims to place this
case in condition for allowance. The dependent claims 44 and
52 have been amended to correct the inconsistency and recite
the interface instead of the phrase "gateway window."

It should be understood that the system and method
as now presented in this After Final Amendment is more than a
mail module such as disclosed in the cited U.S. Patent
Publication No. 2001/0029524 to Smith et al. (hereinafter
"Smith"). Smith maintains a logged-in condition and has email
account information files relating to a number of email
accounts of a wireless subscriber. Smith allows transfer of
file information with a logged-in email account, such that a
wireless subscriber may move back and forth between access to
different email accounts.

The claimed system and method as presented in this
After Final Amendment permits a user to configure a mobile

wireless communications device without knowing what kind of configuration parameters are used for the mailboxes. For example, pages 7 and 8 of the instant application discuss the configuration parameters that are based on conventions that are sets of email expressions chosen by an email provider and used for accessing an electronic mailbox of the email provider. Paragraph [0021] gives an example of the many different types of configuration parameters that could be based on different conventions. Thus, a user is not required to provide any configuration parameters to access different source mailboxes. As claimed, the web service and configuration module are operative as an agent between the user system and an electronic mailbox of the user as a source mailbox. As now claimed, the import module can retrieve mailbox configuration data from a source of mailbox configuration data at the user system and generate the respective configuration data objects for each respective mailbox from the configuration parameters that are based on conventions that are sets of email expressions chosen by an email provider and used for accessing an electronic mailbox of the email provider. No new matter has been added.

The system and method as claimed permits configuration of different mailboxes and allows configuration for automatic access for email accounts. The system and method provides configuration data for a web service that

could be used as a pass-through service to configure a mobile communications device for accessing the web service.

The user system 12 could be a mobile communications device 12. The user system could also be a personal computer that a user initially employs to configure a newly purchased mobile communications device as a non-limiting example. The web service could be a web server (30 and 30a) and could be a separate server. The configuration engine 50 could be a separate server, but could be part of the web server as a distinct module. The web server and the configuration module as a configuration engine work together such that configuration parameters are automatically retrieved from the source of mailbox configuration data based on the conventions and provide configuration data objects, typically implemented as a component object module that could be an ActiveX control. In a non-limiting example, it could be formatted with an extensible mark-up language (XML) for transmission to the web service that typically in a non-limiting example is an XML-compliant web service.

An example of the code used by the system is shown starting on page 15 and continuing onto page 18 of the Detailed Description. The code in that example is formatted using XML for submitting to the web server that is typically a SOAP compliant web service. Different aspects such as the POP mail, web mail, and IMAP can be configured as indicated.

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Different guessing logic as shown in the code can be implemented such as the testing of passwords and email ID's such that a user does not have to provide any configuration parameters. Instead, based on the conventions, the configuration parameters are established within a component object module.

The technical problem addressed by the claimed system and method is how a user can configure the user system, such as a mobile wireless communications device, without knowing what kind of configuration parameters are used for the mailboxes. This is also addressed on pages 7 and 8 of the application in which an explanation is given that the target mailbox or web service requires complete configuration data for each of the source mailboxes in order to help the user access these mailboxes. This technical problem is most apparent when a user first attempts to provision the wireless account. This configuration data (parameters) may include the mailbox server name, access port, password, user name, incoming mail server, outgoing mail (SMTP) server, mail server type (such as IMAP), and other configuration parameters that may be required to configure user access to one or more of the source mailboxes. Thus, there are many different configuration parameters that could be used by email providers as explained in paragraph 20.

The user typically only knows their email address
and password, for example, "password." Information not known
to the normal user would be the POP3 server, the SMTP server,
the domain name, different user names, perhaps an FTP server,
an access ID, DNS address and similar items.

The claimed system solves the technical problem when
the user is not able to remember details for configuring a
mobile wireless communications device. The claimed system
implements in the configuration module a component object
module that is typically an ActiveX control where data objects
are formatted (such as using an extensible mark-up language
(XML)) for transmission to the web service that is typically
XML-compliant. This allows automatic use of "guessing" an
implemented logic query as noted in the code starting on page
15. Thus, the system does not simply take stored data and
automatically retrieve it. There is also an implemented logic
for determining configuration parameters even though the user
may not know the extent of the different type of configuration
parameters required for provisioning and accessing the email
account.

As to Smith, the claimed system and method presented
in this After Final Amendment are directed to solving a
different technical problem using a different technical
solution as compared to the technical problem solved by Smith.
Smith is directed to solving the technical problem when people

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use multiple electronic mail accounts that allow easier access to multiple mail accounts from a wireless device by having an email agent maintain a logged-in condition with at least two of a plurality of email accounts. In Smith, a selection module accepts a selection of one of the plurality of logged-in email accounts for transferring file information. A wireless subscriber may move back and forth between access to each of the plurality of email accounts without requiring repeated log-in/log-out of any of the email accounts by the wireless subscriber. These email applications are defined and identified by a parameter stored in corresponding email accounts information file maintained separately for each subscriber. Usually one default information file as a default email account is used for a particular subscriber.

The claimed system and method are directed to solving a different technical problem of managing multiple mailboxes in which separate mailboxes have a unique set of configuration parameters including the use of different mailbox protocols, giving rise to differing sets of configuration parameters for each of the mailboxes. The technical problem approached by the claimed system and method is directed to a user that in the past determines these configuration parameters for each of the mailboxes and configures manually a web service associated with the web server to access each of the mailboxes.

The claimed system and method are directed to
providing configuration data for a requesting web service and
acting as a pass-through service. The web service could be a
new internet service provider that uses the configuration data
for accessing electronic mail from another internet service
provider. The mailbox could be an interface into another
electronic mailbox and use the configuration data on-the-fly.
The module automatically configures access to electronic mail
from the plurality of different electronic mailboxes.

The technical solution of the claimed system and
method includes the user system, web service and target
mailboxes that can be configured such that the configuration
module automatically retrieves configuration parameters from
the source of mailbox configuration data and transmits these
configuration parameters to a web service or target mailbox
(not the source mailbox) for allowing the web service or
target mailbox to be configured to access the plurality of
source mailboxes without user intervention. This occurs when
the user does not know these configuration parameters and uses
a logic query as defined in the code to determine such
parameters. The import module has mailbox import agents that
correspond to respective email clients at the user agent and
retrieve mailbox configuration data from the source mailbox
configuration data at the user system and generates respective
configuration data objects for each respective mailbox based

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on the configuration parameters. The web service interface
module interfaces with the web service and target mailboxes
through the web service.

Clearly, Smith is directed to solving different
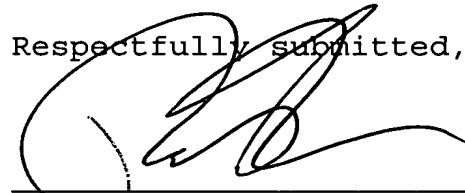technical problems and uses a different technical solution.

DeBusk is directed to modular tracking and profiling
with information management software using active X controls.
The combination of Smith and DeBusk would motivate one skilled
in the art to provide the universal mail wireless email reader
of Smith that at most would allow a selection module to select
different logged-in email accounts for transfer of file
information and move back and forth between access to
different email accounts without a repeated log-in/log-out
using some type of active X controls. It would not solve the
technical problem associated with configuring a new wireless
or mobile communications device that allows a web service to
be configured to access a plurality of source mailboxes
without requiring the user to provide any configuration
parameters that are based on the conventions that are sets of
email expressions chosen by an email provider and used for
accessing an electronic mailbox to the email provider.

Applicant contends that the present case is in
condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the
Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due.

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   If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions for placing this case in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

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